

REMARKS

Claims 41-57 were previously pending in the application and under examination. By way of this Amendment, claim 41 is amended, and claims 58-88 are added.

For reasons stated in the Response filed February 26, 2003, applicants maintain that the claims as previously presented are fully described and enabled by the specification as filed, and in condition for allowance. The present amendments are made to particularly focus on embodiments of current commercial interest. No previously claimed subject matter is dedicated to the public. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to additional subject matter previously claimed or described in the specification in this or any related application.

Claim 41 now explicitly refers to introducing cells with polynucleotide encoding telomerase reverse transcriptase in vitro. Claim 41 as previously presented is now re-presented as Claim 58. Claims 59-64 mirror claims 42, 45, 48, 52, 54, and 55. The cell types referred to in new claims 65-72 are supported in the specification in Table 3 (page 120 ff.). Claims 73-80 and 81-88 name the same cell types as claims 65-72.

Further consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

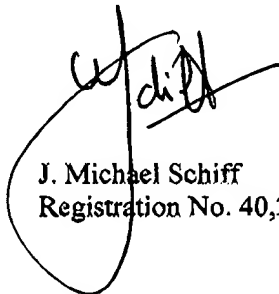
Request for Interview

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a prompt Notice of Allowance is requested.

In the event that the Examiner determines that there are other matters to be addressed, applicants hereby request an interview by telephone. Please contact applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below.

Should the Patent Office determine that an extension of time or any other relief is required for further consideration of this application, applicants hereby petition for such relief. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the cost of such petitions and other fees due in connection with the filing of these papers to Deposit Account No. 07-1139.

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